

HCS HB 2250 & 2276 -- LOBBYING

SPONSOR: Rone

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Standards and Development by a vote of 9 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill repeals provisions exempting any member of a union from having to register as a lobbyist within five days of beginning lobbyist activities.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this makes all people who lobby the General Assembly to play by the same rules and have the same transparency guidelines. If a member of a union works for the union as an employee paid to lobby the General Assembly, he or she should have to register as a lobbyist.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Rone.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that it is unclear who would be considered an employee paid to lobby the General Assembly. There are some people who come to the Capitol once to speak with members, and those employees should not have to register as paid lobbyists.

Testifying against the bill was the Missouri AFL-CIO.